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Secretary Marlene Cummings Retires Form State Service

Governor Tommy G. Thompson announced that Marlene Cummings is retiring after serving 14 years as secretary of the Department of Regulation and Licensing to pursue private interests.

Governor Thompson thanked Secretary Cummings for her years of outstanding work and guidance on licensing issues.

Secretary Cummings, who will retire from state service on February 25, 2001, had served with Governor Thompson since the beginning of his administration and was one of his first cabinet appointments.

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"Marlene truly is a great friend, a great leader and a source of stability within the administration," Governor Thompson said. "We will miss her sound Most current copy 1/23/01 pm

judgment and her innovative ideas. She has worked well with the licensing boards and her resignation will be a great loss for hundreds of board members and the entire state of Wisconsin."

Governor Thompson said Secretary Cummings has had an extremely successful tenure that emphasized changes in the handling of disciplinary complaints and adopted innovative disciplinary procedures. Her innovations have included an agency time-line for handling complaints, the use of mandated education and a procedure for managing professionals with drug and alcohol addictions.

"My 14 years of service in Governor Thompson's administration have been both inspiring and challenging," Secretary Cummings said. "We were often at the

forefront of significant business and health care developments." Secretary Cummings also thanked Governor Thompson for his encouragement and the opportunity to serve, and wished him great success as a member of President Bush's cabinet.

Secretary Cummings says she is retiring to devote more time to her family. She said that she also needs more time for research and writing.

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